

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **"Isotropic Dry Cleaning Process for Noble Metal Integrated Circuit Structures,"** the specification of which

(check one) is attached hereto.
 was filed on June 8, 1998 as Application No. 09/093,291
 and was amended on January 10, 2000, on July 10, 2000, and in an Amendment filed herewith in response to the August 28, 2000 Office Action.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination and to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this specification is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

08/966,797	November 10, 1997	Patented (U.S. Patent 6,018,065)
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status-Patented, Pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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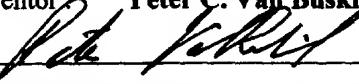
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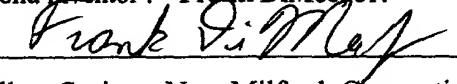
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ASSIGNMENT

We have made an invention described in the U.S. Patent Application entitled "**ISOTROPIC DRY CLEANING PROCESS FOR NOBLE METAL INTEGRATED CIRCUIT STRUCTURES**" which has been executed by us on the same date as this Assignment for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

We assign to Advanced Technology Materials, Inc., 7 Commerce Drive, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, all of our ownership and rights in:

- (i) the invention and U.S. Patent Application;
- (ii) U.S. Patents on the invention; and
- (iii) corresponding foreign patent applications and patents.

We are making this assignment based on our employment relationship with Advanced Technology Materials, Inc.

We request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and the appropriate officers of all foreign countries to issue patents on the invention to Advanced Technology Materials, Inc.

We agree to execute any other legal documents that may be required to effectuate this Assignment.

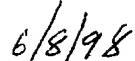
We agree that we will promptly communicate to Advanced Technology Materials, Inc. all facts which come to our attention affecting the invention or patent rights.

We agree that we will testify in any interference or litigation involving the invention or patent rights.

We state that we have not previously taken any action in conflict with this Assignment.



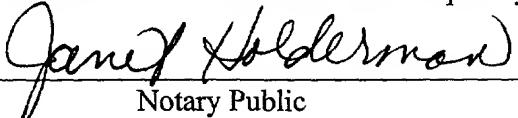
Peter C. Van Buskirk



Date

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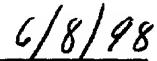
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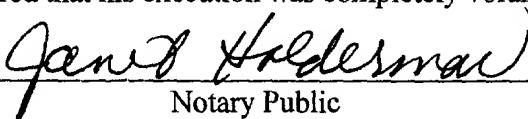
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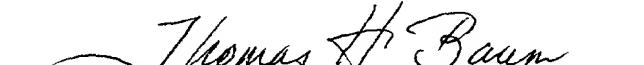


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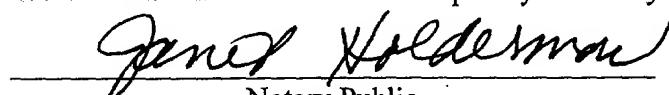
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